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SUBJECT: POSTAGE STAMP FRAUD SCANDAL: USPS DOCUMENTS

REF: A) STRASSER/VINCENT LTR. OF 8/25/75; B) PAUP 1338

1. DUE TO ABSENCE FROM HAITI OF FOREIGN SECRETARY BRUTUS, DOCUMENTS PROVIDED BY USPS (REF A) WERE SUBMITTED ON SEPT 3 TO ACTING FOREIGN SECRETARY PAUL BLANCHET, WHO IS ALSO SECRETARY OF INTERIOR & DEFENSE. ACCOMPANYING DIPLOMATIC NOTE AND VERBAL PRESENTATION STRESSED FACTS THAT USPS INVESTIGATION WAS INCOMPLETE THAT NO DECISIONS HAD BEEN REACHED REGARDING POSSIBLE PROSECUTIONS FOR VIOLATION OF US LAW AND THAT DOCUMENTS WERE BEING PROVIDED AS AN INTERIM MEASURE TO ASSIST GOH INVESTIGATORS WHO ARE, INTER ALIA, ENGAGED IN AN ONGOING PROSECUTION (PAUP 2177) NOW IN ITS 7TH DAY. IN ADDITION, SUGGESTION WAS MADE THAT WHEN USPS INVESTIGATION COMPLETE, IT MIGHT BE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR US AND HAITIAN INVESTIGATORS TO MEET TO COORDINATE AVAILABLE INFORMATION AND EVIDENCE REGARDING POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF US OR HAITIAN LAW.

2. BLANCHET EXPRESSED GOH'S GRATITUDE FOR DOCUMENTS, WHICH HE WOULD RELAY TO JUSTICE SECRETARY JEANTY. BLANCHET OPINED THAT MAXIMILIEN, LEROY, AND GARFIELD WERE OBVIOUSLY INAPPROPRIATE INTERMEDIARIES WITH WHOM TO DEAL REGARDING ANY SALE OF HAITIAN STAMPS, A FACT WHICH STOLOW INC. MUST HAVE ALWAYS REALIZED. BLANCHET INSISTED THAT ONLY RESPONSIBLE GOH

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MINISTERS COULD NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH STAMP MARKETING

COMPANIES ABOUT HAITIAN STAMP ISSUES. HE ADDED THAT HE
PERSONALLY FAVORED A DIRECT MEETING BETWEEN GOH AND USG
INVESTIGATORS ABOUT THE STAMP FRAUD, AND WOULD SO RECOMMEND
TO PRESIDENT DUVALIER.
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